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To all Supervisors of Schools &
High School Principals.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

RULES
CONCERNING CONTRIBUTION BY SCHOOL CHILDREN

I

Under no circunstance children should be compelled to contribute money,etc., in the schools, for whatever purpose. The practice of giving, and of giving generously must be at all times fostered, as self-sacrifice will be always the noblest instinct in man, and in no better place the practice could be instilled in the youth than in the school. But it must be clearly understood that giving at all times should be a voluntary act, not a compulsory order, expressed or implied.

II

Class rooms, during class hours, should never be used for the demand of contributions, with the one and single exception of the Red Cross.

III

Meetings, festivals, etc. withing school buildings and grounds, for the purpose of raising funds for benevolent, athletic or any other high purpose may be allowed under the direction of teachers supervisors or responsible officials of the Department of Education. The associative instinct should be estimulated since early in life, and it is certainly not the object of the Department to discourage the practice of holding gatherings for such purposes. But it must be expressly understood that these acts should always be authorized by the Department; that they must never be held during school hours; that contributions should never be compulsory. Children must not be compelled to sell or demand anything for contributions, no matter for what purpose. As explained, the act of giving and soliciting must be absolutely voluntary; and the authority of teachers or educational officials, during the direction of such acts, should never go beyond maintaining order, for which they are responsible.

Respectfully,

SIGNED: JUAN B. HUYKE,
Commissioner of Education.